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Who is it for? The best of marriages, of course, are ones already full of the natural virtues and they have no need for this course. All other couples, married two years or more, will benefit from the course. For couples who say, "We're fine because we never argue," please be cautious: it is possible--even probable--that there are real arguments which you've simply buried. Emotional things are always buried *alive*, their return is a matter of time. The right question to ask is: Is your marital union closer now than it was, say, two years ago, or 20 years ago, or 40 years ago? If not, then the course is for you.

What it's not. The Marriage Course is not a replacement for marriage counseling, or psychological therapy, psychiatric treatment, Shopaholics Anonymous, AA, SA, or spiritual direction. Some needs cannot be met by this course. Other resources may be necessary before the course can be of benefit to you. Some practicalities. The course will be offered Friday evenings, from Oct. 9th through Nov. 20th. There is room for 12 couples. (Scheduling is always a difficulty: if you know you cannot make it to 3 of the evenings, I suggest you wait for a next time.) The evening is designed to feel like a date. (They strongly advise a group setting.) Arrival at 6:45 pm. Wine and cheese served at candlelit tables, one couple per table. The talk begins at 7:05 pm. Dessert will be served around 7:40. Dismissal at 9 pm. I will be there to coordinate and hit

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play on the DVD machine. Please register by filling out the form available in the Social Room, and handing it into the office. The cost is \$45 per couple which includes the workbooks and the refreshments. In addition, I will need some kind souls to help make these evenings special for the attending couples. Please let me know if you'd like to support the health of our marriages in this way.

Thank you for supporting the parish community.

God love you, -- Fr. Novokowsky, FSSP

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly Business Meeting on Sunday, September 6 at 10:00am between the Masses. All members are encouraged to attend. Our Social Meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00pm.

St. Joseph Youth Schola & Adult Choir

Schola:

Children in grades 2 through 8 are invited. Weekly Tuesday meetings following the 9:00am Mass in the choir room beginning September 8. **Adult Choir:** Rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the choir room, beginning September 2. No prior experience necessary. Please contact David Pedersen at the Parish office for additional information.

“Come, let us praise the Lord with joy...”

(Ps. 94:1)



August 30, 2015

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Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday	8:30 am (Low) 11 am (High) 4:30 pm (Low)
Monday	7 am & 9 am
Tuesday	7 am & 9 am
Wednesday	7 am & 6 pm
Thursday	7 am & 9 am
Friday	7 am & 6 pm
Saturday	7 am & 9 am

- ◆ **Sacramental Emergencies: 396-5665**
- ◆ **Confession: ½ hr before all Masses, Saturdays - 10:00 to 11:00 am.**
- ◆ Novena & Benediction: Wed. evenings.
- ◆ **Holy Days:** look for announcement
- ◆ **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament: First Fridays from 8 am until 5 pm.
- ◆ Other Sacraments: please call the office.

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

A few thoughts about marriage. Question: If a husband selfishly refuses to take out the garbage, is the family Rosary going to be fruitful? -or- If a Catholic wife and mother regularly belittles her husband in public, can she expect her family to be happily Catholic? -or- If a husband and wife have settled on a perfunctory spousal relationship, can they easily convince their children that 'God is love'?

Not on your life. The foundation of supernatural good is natural good. Regarding marriage, we could say it this way: a marriage has to be authentic, before it can be Catholic. If the family rosary is to be fruitful, even the low things like taking out the garbage must be done well.

The Church teaches (following St. Thomas) that our supernatural life rests upon the natural life. The two lives are not mixed into one, they coexist: If the natural virtues are weak or non-existent, the supernatural virtues will be weak or non-existent. If the natural virtues are strong, the supernatural have a foundation upon which to grow. We can fall into the trap of thinking that, since we have huge things, like the Eucharist, we are spared from the effort of growing in natural virtue. The opposite is true: since we have the Eucharist, we have greater strength (and greater responsibility) to put better effort into acquiring the natural virtues.

I have a resource which I am confident will help married couples grow in natural virtue. The "Marriage Course" is a course given one evening a week, for 7 weeks. It comes from England and has been used successfully for many years to help thousands of couples. The Marriage Course gives refined teaching about natural virtues which are proper to the spousal relationship, and, universally applicable to Catholic and non-Catholic marriages alike. The essence of the course lies in the principles explained in the talks, and the related exercises that each couple does together, privately. These talks and accompanying exercises are given in a group setting for the sake of the discipline of getting through the material. There are, however, no public exercises nor public sharing of any kind.

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sun. Aug. 30	14th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am Dr. Ellen Shaw de Paredes+ 4:30 pm Charles Furlough
Mon. Aug. 31	St. Raymond Nonnatus (3rd Cl.)	7 am Katherine McKenna 9 am Rachel Selby
Tues. Sept. 1	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Joseph & Carol Hohos+ 9 am Fr. Kenneth Walker FSSP+
Wed. Sept. 2	St. Stephen of Hungary (3rd Cl.)	7 am Our Lady of Ransom 6 pm Private Intention
Thurs. Sept. 3	St. Pius X (3rd Cl.)	7 am Terry Stacy+ 9 am Joanne McChesney
Fri. Sept. 4	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am In Honor of the Immaculate Conception 6 pm Trevon James Nacey
Sat. Sept. 5	St. Lawrence Justinian (3rd Cl.)	7 am Calvin Kamga 9 am Julie Trexler 10 am Confession Hour
Sun. Sept. 6	15th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)	8:30 am Private Intention 11:00 am Pro Populo 4:30 pm Charles McChesney+
Mon. Sept. 7	St. Raymond Nonnatus (3rd Cl.)	7 am Private Intention 9 am Vincenzo Ranidazzo+
Tues. Sept. 8	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Edward Selby 9 am Joyce Sherman+
Wed. Sept. 9	St. Stephen of Hungary (3rd Cl.)	7 am Mr. & Mrs. Wes Partin 6 pm To Honor the Infant Jesus
Thurs. Sept. 10	St. Pius X (3rd Cl.)	7 am Jacques Graybill 9 am Eric Broughton
Fri. Sept. 11	Feria (4th Cl.)	7 am Special Intention 6 pm The Zilli Family
Sat. Sept. 12	St. Lawrence Justinian (3rd Cl.)	7 am Mark R. Finch+ 9 am Thomas McDonald+ 10 am Confession Hour

PRAYER LIST

Lydia Colberg, Robert Reilhan, Jim O'Reilly, Daniel Doran, Thomas and Dorothy McKinley, Antoinette McLoughlin, Edith Nicolas, Bill Colberg, Sherry & Ron Crawford, Bobby Overman, Theresa Trexler, Jules Trexler, Jim Grumblatt, Dick and Nan Wray, Missy D'Aconti, Mark Davison, Fr. Adrian Harmening, Jack Howe, Dawn Celentano, Abigail Maria Alvey, Mary Zacharias, Casey Stalvey, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin, John Osborne, Ann Horgan, Bernice Nestor, Karen Haley, Thomas Benedict Noble.

In your charity, please remember all the souls of the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Envelopes are located outside the parish office door in the Social Room. Masses are generally offered in the order received. A Mass stipend is a gift for the celebrating priest and forms part of your participation in the sacrifice. The Diocese of Richmond suggests a stipend of \$10.00 per Mass. While a stipend is *not* a donation, for our convenience, please make checks payable to St. Joseph's.

Welcome Visitors

We are glad you came—we are eager to share the treasures of God with you. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance. We have green booklets (in the vestibule) for beginners. We also have RED Latin/English booklets, and BEIGE Latin/Spanish booklets. To register as a parishioner, please see the green and white forms in the Social Room. Register on our website www.stjosephrichmond.org and you will receive an e-bulletin each week, as well as important notices from the office.

American Heritage Girls

Open registration now for ages 5 through 18 years for the 2015-2016 year. Please contact Laportsia Wallace at 804-687-2736 or by email at laportsia@yahoo.com to register or for more information.

Offertory Collections

Sunday August 23, 2015

1st Collection (Operations):	\$ 5,774
Avg. Weekly Operating Need:	\$ 7,114
Avg. Weekly Year to Date:	\$ 6,519
2nd Collection (Building Fund):	\$ 944

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Upcoming Events

- Sept 4 **1st Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8am to 5pm**
- Sept 5 **1st Saturday Devotion**
- Sept 20 **Fall Family Pot Luck & Square Dance**
- Oct 2-4 **Altar Boy Camp**

Our Bible Study Continues!

A Study on the Book of Galatians by Jeff Cavins.

This is an eight week course which will be offered Sept. 30 to Nov. 19th, 2015. Each week the same session will be offered twice, Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, and Thursday mornings at 10 am. The classes will be lead by Fathers Casavantes and Tatman. Please sign up for a work book at the Gift Shop or the Parish Office. The cost will be \$20 with a registration fee of \$10. Books must be ordered by Sept. 15th

Fr. Novokowsky away

Fr. Novokowsky will be away for the first two weeks of September. Please pray for his safe return. Thank you.

Fall Family Square Dance

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 20. Following the high Mass we will lunch pot-luck style, and then *do-si-do* to the calling of Larry Winegard! Picnic pavilion, whether permitting. More details to follow.

Altar Boy Camp

Altar Boy Camp will begin on Friday, October 2 and end on Sunday, October 4- ***the External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary***- after the High Mass and Procession. Registration begins on Friday at 4:30pm. Registration forms are available online; a hardcopy is available in the Social Room.

Trail Life USA

Together we can do more. Our boys and young men's group, Trail Life USA, is in need of committed participation from the membership, fathers and boys, and committed leadership for the troop. Without it, the troop is in danger of falling into inactivity. There will be an information for prospective leaders members Sunday Aug 30. Please see the Trail Life table in the Social Room, or, write Shawn Alf at alf.shaun@gmail.com.